

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 19, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. STUART made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 162.]

The Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of John L. Allen and Asa R. Carter, register and receiver of the land office at Augusta, Mississippi, praying extra compensation for locating Choctaw scrip and lands for the Ohio and Mobile railroad, respectfully report:

That they have examined the facts and circumstances upon which this application is based, and they find that, during the three years and a half the petitioners held said offices, their compensation for cash entries of lands and lands entered with military warrants amounted to \$871 94, exclusive of their respective salaries, \$500 each; that, during said three and a half years, there was entered at said office 22,101.07 acres of land, located with Choctaw scrip, besides all the lands located for the Ohio and Mobile railroad, which required much extra labor, clerk hire, &c.; for all of which the petitioners have received no compensation.

Your committee are of opinion that it is but fair and just the petitioners should be paid a liberal compensation for the extra labor and clerk hire necessarily performed and employed by them in locating said Choctaw scrip and railroad lands; they therefore recommend an allowance to the petitioners of the sum of six thousand one hundred dollars, in full for such extra services, clerk hire, &c., and herewith submit a bill for that purpose.

